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Claim 1 - A tanning bed comprising in combination:
a plurality of modules collectively defining components of said tanning bed,
and knock-down coupling means for assembling said components into an operational tanning bed.

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Claim 2 - The bed of claim 1 wherein said components include a pair of spaced bench supports including a ballast housing interposed between said bench supports and means fixing said ballast housing to said bench supports in removeable relationship thereto.

Claim 3 - The bed of claim 2 wherein said bench supports cradle a bench in removeable overlying relationship thereto, said bench provided with illumination means for tanning.

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Claim 4 - The bed of claim 3 including a canopy operatively connected to said bench by removeable attachment means, said canopy provided with illumination means for tanning.

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Claim 5 - The bed of claim 4 wherein said ballast housing includes a pair of outwardly and downwardly projecting L-shaped legs which overlie and grasp portions of said bench supports.

Claim 6 - The bed of claim 5 wherein said ballast housing receives therewithin a plurality of ballast units formed as modules, each of said modules formed from choke ballasts oriented in series and terminating at a plug.

Sub C1 } Claim 7 - The bed of claim 6 wherein the illumination means are a plurality of ultraviolet lights connected in series to said choke ballasts such that collectively said choke ballasts and said lights maintain current at a substantially constant level.

Sub A4 } Claim 8 - The bed of claim 4 wherein said bench supports fasten to said canopy and a pair of posts project upwardly from said bench supports in frictional telescoping relationship, said posts including a pivot that supports a link operatively coupled to said canopy and adapted to allow said link and said canopy to move from a first open position wherein a tanner can lie on the bed to a second closed position where said canopy is in overlying relationship with respect to said bed and said tanner, and gas shock means operatively coupled with said link and said post in a path of heat radiation whereupon gas within said shock elevates in temperature upon utilization of said bed increasing the effectiveness of said gas shock.

Claim 9 - The bed of claim 8 wherein said link is received within a hollow of said canopy, said canopy including an abutment which captures a latch projecting from said link, said hollow including a bead which frictionally resides against a terminus of said link.

Sub A5 } Claim 10 - The bed of claim 4 wherein said bench attaches to said bench supports on one edge thereof by means of a projection on said bench support being received within a complementally formed slit on said bench, said slit provided with adequate clearance to allow articulation of said bench about said projection.

Sub C1 } Claim 11 - The bed of claim 10 wherein an opposite side of said bench includes another slit which receives a hook supported on said bench support, said hook having releasable fastening means to release said bench relative to said bench support.

Claim 12 - The bed of claim 10 including a stand member which is interposed between said bench support and said bench to allow said bench to remain in an elevated secure position above said bench supports.

Claim 13 - The bed of claim 4 wherein a cover is provided on a concave surface of said bench and is fixed within a peripheral ledge on said bed circumscribing said cover, said cover residing on said ledge, and a plurality of fins interposed between clusters of illumination means and underlying said cover, said cover frictionally held from said bench by means of gaskets.

Claim 14 - The bed of claim 4 wherein said canopy and said bench includes a plurality of air passageways extending longitudinally along said canopy and said bench providing cooling air from end walls of said canopy and said bench through filters located at said end walls and slits in said canopy and said bench to exhaust air by a fan mounted adjacent said slits and controlled by a temperature sensing means.

Claim 15 - The bed of claim 14 including a zone of increased radiation disposed on said canopy and oriented to address a face area of said user, said zone of increased ultraviolet radiation formed from a plurality of clusters of high output ultraviolet radiation, each cluster constrained to operate within a boxed-shaped well secured to an inverted support tray and separated from a tanner by a window.

Claim 16 - The bed of claim 15 including a plurality of fans oriented upstream from said zone of increased ultraviolet radiation to augment air flow in the face area.

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